

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed November 13, 2008. Currently, claims 1-40 remain pending of which claims 21-24 and 34-40 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary incorrectly lists claims 21-32 and 34-40 as being withdrawn. Only claims 21-24 and 34-40 should be indicated as withdrawn. With this amendment, claims 11-16 and 19 have been withdrawn.

Restriction Requirement

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires a restriction of the claims to one Species under 35 U.S.C. 121. Claims 1-20 and 25-33 have been restriction into 5 Species by the Examiner. Species 1 is drawn to Figure 4; Species 2 is drawn to Figure 11; Species 3 is drawn to Figures 16; Species 4 is drawn to Figure 17; and Species 5 is drawn to Figure 19. Applicant hereby elects Species 2 drawn to Figure 2, which is believed to correspond to claims 1-10, 17-18, 20, and 25-33, without traverse.


Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claim 1 is currently generic to all the Species. Upon allowance of a generic claim, full consideration of all withdrawn claims to non-elected Species embraced by the generic claim is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted:

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